

WANTS WILBUR J. CARR KICKED FROM SERVICE

H. R. Dietrich Claims Consular
Service Head Owe Him
\$20.50 for a Hat.

Away back in 1907, to oblige a friend, Wilbur J. Carr, director of the consular service, asked Herman R. Dietrich, then consul general at Guayaquil, Ecuador, to select and purchase one of the celebrated hats—made in Panama—commercially in Panama, because they are not made in Panama—and send it on to him. The hat was bought and sent to Washington and received by Director Carr.

Director Carr would like to pay for the hat, but does not know what amount to send Mr. Dietrich, who is now out of the consular service. Mr. Dietrich wants to be paid, and further complains that he has not been fairly treated in the matter, and would have Director Carr officially rebuked, even dismissed from the service.

Director Carr says he has been trying to have Mr. Dietrich state the amount of his indebtedness to him over a long period, applying to him by letter and also speaking to him on the matter on the occasion of two visits to Washington paid by the retired consular officer. Mr. Dietrich tells Senator Stone that the hat cost \$16 and with interest and expenses makes a total debt of \$20.50. This is the best knowledge Mr. Carr says, that he has had that the hat did not cost \$23, \$24 or even \$100.

Carr's Explanation of Case.

Acknowledging a debt for some unknown amount, the price of the hat, Director Carr expresses his anxiety to liquidate it. He explains the case thus:

A fellow-employee of the Star Department, he says, wanted a hat, and Mr. Carr wrote Consul General Dietrich, asking him to pick up one of the latest things in Panama hats. The hat was so long in coming, says Mr. Carr, his friend went into the open market and bought a much-needed summer headgear.

The hat finally came. Preceding it was a letter from Mr. Dietrich calling attention to the fact that such hats would cost anywhere from \$25 to \$100 or even more. No cost price of the hat selected was named in the letter.

The hat reported in Mr. Carr's desk for some time, until he made it a present to another friend, who admired it. Mr. Carr did not sell it, but he had it in his mind. The matter had slipped out of his mind in 1911, when it was brought to his attention by a man who said he had looked over his papers for a bill and his check book for a stub showing payment for the hat, and that he could not find any memorandum. With apology for the neglect and oversight, Mr. Carr asked that the account be sent to him so that he might at once dispose of it.

Mr. Carr received no answer to this request, he says, and the matter went along until Mr. Dietrich came to the United States and reported to the State Department last year. Mr. Carr spoke to Mr. Dietrich about the matter, he says, and Mr. Dietrich told him not to bother, and that the papers were probably back home. Again, when Mr. Dietrich was once more in Washington, Mr. Carr asked for the account, he says, with no definite result.

Dietrich Takes Another Method.

"I shall be glad to settle with Mr. Dietrich if he will only tell me how much the hat cost," said Mr. Carr.

Mr. Dietrich, however, has taken another method in the effort to collect his account. He has written the following letter to Senator Stone, under date of April 25:

"I respectfully file charges against Mr. Carr for abuse of power and authority. I hope that you will take this matter up at once with the President and Secretary of State with a view to punish Mr. Carr and that you will also bring the matter to the attention of the Senate. The President and Secretary of State have a resolution passed requesting the immediate discharge of Mr. Carr from the service of the government."

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MARRIED AT HERNDON, VA.

Joseph Poole Takes Miss Josephine
Keyes as His Bride.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

HERNDON, Va., May 16, 1913.

Miss Josephine Keyes and Joseph Poole, both of Herndon, were married May 11 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell A. Lynn, the ceremony being performed by Rev. George Thomas Waite.

Grace Bevin, aged five, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Bevin of Willard, was buried in Chestnut Grove cemetery Monday, death resulting from a malignant case of diphtheria.

Two thousand dollars have been raised for the four-foot sidewalk about one mile in length, to connect the cemetery with the downtown section. Two hundred dollars was appropriated by the town council, and \$800 by the cemetery association.

Judge William F. Norris of the Department of Justice, Washington, will speak in Walker's Hall next Sunday afternoon, his subject being "Five Civilizations."

The lecture will be given under the auspices of the layman's movement.

A meeting of the School Improvement League was held in the assembly hall last Monday evening, an interesting program of music being rendered, also a short E. H. Hill lecture.

Mrs. Mary S. Moffett made an address on the needs of pupils and teachers. The Herndon High School will meet next Tuesday, with a song recital at 7:30 o'clock by the music pupils, under the direction of Mrs. Clarence Walker.

Wednesday the folk games festival will be given under the direction of Miss Ruth Richards, assisted by Mrs. E. H. Hill. The games will be held at the school, and the members of the high school will give a comedy, "His Uncle John," Thursday.

Members of the Improved Order of Red Men and the Knights of Pythias have forwarded contributions to the members of these orders in the food-stickler district.

Rev. George T. Waite is in attendance at the Southern Baptist convention in St. Louis.

Word has just been received here of the death Wednesday in Beesick of Mr. Charles M. Burton, of this place. Funeral services were held yesterday.

RIVER CAPTAINS IN TRADE.

Flattie Maggie Lee Exchanged for
Two Power Boats.

A deal whereby Capt. George Bryan transferred the little Flattie Maggie Lee to Capt. George Brown of the schooner Silver Star, and received in return two power boats, the Jessie and the George, was effected Wednesday. Capt. Bryan and Capt. Brown have charge of their new craft. The power boats are said to be sixteen and twenty feet long, respectively, and are fitted with a good type of gasoline engine. Capt. Bryan has been making a deal for the Flattie Maggie Lee, which has been lying in the dock at the 11th street wharf for several months.

The vessel was recently overhauled and made ready for summer fishing work. The Lee has a gross tonnage of ten, and is fifty-one feet long, sixteen feet beam and is 13 feet deep in the hold. She was built at Accomack City, Md., in 1903.

The vessel will have some repairs made to her and will put her in the wood and lumber trade from nearby points on the Potomac to this city or Alexandria.

FAVORS U. S. OWNERSHIP OF RAILWAYS IN ALASKA

Secretary Lane of Interior De-
partment Writes to Sena-
tor Pittman.

Declaring that the construction of railroads is the only way to make any country a real part of the world, Secretary Lane of the Interior Department has written to Senator Pittman, chairman of the Senate committee on railroads, expressing his opinion on the subject of improving a policy of a government railway system in Alaska. He asserted that the policy of governmental ownership of railroads in Alaska seems to him to be the one that will most certainly make for the lasting welfare.

"To many of our people," said Secretary Lane in his letter, "Alaska is little more than a land of natural wonders, here and there dotted with mining camps and fishing villages. If Alaska is to be anything more, it is almost a matter of indifference as to who builds her railroads. I have talked with many who know that country well, and am convinced that we should think of Alaska as a land not only of mines and fisheries, but of towns, farms, mills and factories, supporting millions of people of the hardiest and most wholesome of the race. If this conception of a possible Alaska is a true one, our legislation should be such as to most surely bring about this possibility, and it seems to me there is less of hazard and as to Alaska's future if the government of the United States owns the railroads which will make its fertile interior valleys accessible from the coast, and bring its coal, iron, copper and other mineral resources within the reach of the world."

Policies Change With Conditions.

"This is a new policy for the United States. Very true. This is a new part of the United States. And policies properly change with new conditions. The one determining question in all matters of government should be, What is the wise thing to do? The ancient method of opening a country was to build wagon roads. The modern method is to build railroads. To build these railroads ourselves and control them may be an experiment, but surely not a more serious one than the one which has been tried under private ownership. And in the end we will be free to establish and maintain our own chosen relations with Alaska and the rest of the United States unhampered by threats of confiscation or the restraining hand of any merely selfish influences."

"We can only secure the highest and fullest use of Alaska by making her railroads a status subject to public ownership and social life and needs—true public utilities."

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